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1. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE IRISH BEEF EXPORTS TO US MOST UNLIKELY TO EXCEED TOFAS 10ESTIMATE OF 9,000 METRIC TONS. IN FACT, REF ESTIMATE, IF ANYTHING, OPTIMISTIC.

2. EXISTENCE OR OTHERWISE OF VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS NOT LIMITING FACTOR, FOR FOLLOWING REASONS.

(A) US PRICES DURING 1975 UNLIKELY TO ATTRACT IRISH BEEF, BECAUSE OF INCREASES IN EC PRICES AND FURTHER IRISH TRANSITIONAL STEP TO EC MEMBERSHIP RAISING IRISH MARKET PRICES.

(B) SLAUGHTERINGS OF COWS NOT EXPECTED AS HIGH IN 1975 AS IN 1974.

(C) MORE ATTRACTIVE MARKET FOR IRISH COW BEEF IN WEST GERMANY.

(D) TRADE SOURCES SEE AN INCREASING MIDDLE EASTERN DEMAND FOR IRISH BEEF.
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EM ALTHOUGH THIS TIME OF YEAR USUALLY PEAK PERIOD FOR US SHIPMENTS, EXPORTS TO US IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1975 ESTIMATED AT ONLY TEN TONS. EVEN THOUGH CATTLE GLUT COUPLED WITH WORST PRICE SLUMP FOR NEARLY 10 YEARS EXISTED IN 1974, IRISH EXPORTS TO US ONLY HALF OF ANNUAL SHIPMENTS IN LATE 1960'S AND EARLY 1970'S, BECAUSE US PRICE UNATTRACTIVE. US FORCES CONTRACTS ALSO NOW FALLING OFF, BECAUSE OF HIGH PRICES.

4. AVERAGE CATTLE PRICES FOR W/E MARCH 4 WAS A RECORD 19 POUNDS 21 PENCE PER LONG CWT, AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT PRICES WILL GO MUCH HIGHER BY MAY. STRONGER DEMAND FOR IRISH BEEF, PLUS MUCH HIGHER INTERVENTION PRICES EXPECTED TO KEEP GENERAL LEVEL OF IRISH BEEF PRICES ABOVE COMPETITIVE RANGE FOR US MARKET IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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